

Glenda Wiles

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To the Commissioners:

A few additional comments:

I have always supported planning in the valley, since the 70's. It is the best chance for healthy growth and for the good of the most people and for the economy. It is necessary to consider the needs of all.

In regard to experience in resolving conflict, I should include that I participated in the Growth Policy work from start to finish, as a Focus member representing Corvallis, also the open space committee, where I drew up our statement(s) through consensus of our group.

I am a good team worker who gets along with nearly everyone. In addition to my work as a Focus member, all my work experience has required teamwork. (In sterile fill work as at Corixa, teamwork is crucial.) I failed to mention that I still work at Bitterroot Nursery,(about 10 years), where I provide cheerful service to a wide sector of the public, mostly as a consultant. My customers are builders, landscapers, home-owners(new and old), business-owners, and everyone else. It requires patience, cheerfulness, good people skills in general, while determining the wants and needs of customers. I find it enjoyable to work with and help people, and many have expressed their pleasure at working with me as well.

I have experience in having appeared before the planning board and also the commission, and so would understand the feelings of citizens I would deal with.

As to legality issues, laws are not perfect; board members would have to see beyond the black and white of simple law and consider consequences of possible actions. For instance, an action may be technically legal, but may be judged to be harmful to some. So it would be important to weigh everything for the good of the community.

I am a very good listener and I tend to see all sides of an issue. I like to be as factual as possible and do not like to jump to conclusions, rather weigh the facts of every case.

Thank you for your time and your efforts on behalf of this valley we all love!

Respectfully,

Fran Maki